

**Strategic Plan and Policy Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary, May 2, 2011**

**Present:** Mike Eaton, Darla Guenzler, Steve Chappell, Ken Vogel, Jim Provenza, Kathryn Caldwell, Richard Hunn, Robin Kulakow, Elisa Reynolds, Cindy Messer, Campbell Ingram, Nancy Ullrey and Susan Roberts.

**Call to Order**

Chair Eaton called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

**Strategic Plan RFP Update**

Staff submitted the RFP to Department of General Services and have heard good comments about it. The Conservancy expects it to be reviewed and posted before mid-May. The board will have to decide how they want to handle candidate interviews. The committee reviewed the proposed timeline and noted the July start for the facilitator and technical consultants, and mid-August start for public workshops, is dependent upon the signing of the state budget. A final draft of the strategic plan is expected to be reviewed early 2012.

**Work Groups**

The first meeting for the Ecosystem Restoration workgroup will be May 11, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. at the Conservancy headquarters, 3500 Industrial Blvd, Room 106, West Sacramento. The first meeting for the Land Ownership Best Management Practices workgroup will be May 16, 1-3 p.m. in Room 121, also at the Conservancy's headquarters. Agendas will be posted on the website. The subcommittee wanted to extend invitations to local residents and business owners on all the workgroups. Staff will follow up with additional research and invitations.

**Legislation**

Staff reported Conservancy working with the Natural Resources Agency to take a more active role regarding analyzing legislation and working with authors on potential amendments to their legislation. Staff also is coordinating times for the Executive Officer, Board Chair and Vice Chair to meet with key legislators at the end of May. The Conservancy cannot take a 'position' on a bill, but the Administration may choose to do so, with the Conservancy's input. The Conservancy can provide technical assistance on bills. Jim Provenza suggested it may be an asset for the Conservancy to be a water permit holder; advantages and disadvantages were discussed and no action taken on this suggestion at this time.

The subcommittee concluded that the Conservancy's primary goal is to secure funding to assist in building constituencies and working with local people with on-the-ground projects.

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 am.

Respectively submitted on May 5, 2011

Susan Roberts  
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